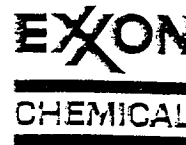


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November 19, 1999

Carol Browner, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

Dear Ms. Browner:

Re: Chemical Right To Know Program

Exxon Chemical Company (ECC) has previously communicated to the U.S. EPA our company's agreement to participate in the High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. By copy of this letter, ECC is requesting that the following chemical be removed (or indicated low priority) from the HPV program:

Ketones, C12-branched (CAS# 68514-41-0)

This material is a by-product of a manufacturing process. It is transferred via pipeline from the first reactor to another reactor, where it is consumed in the reaction process. There is virtually no exposure, either to humans or to the environment. Toxicity data are available for a number of ketones, which all indicate no need for additional testing. Therefore, this material should either be removed from or designated low priority under the HPV Challenge.

Exxon Chemical's corporate contact for future questions from the U.S. EPA about the HPV Challenge Program remains:

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Sincerely,

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